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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment dropped slightly in May. For the first time this year, the monthly decrease was less than the seasonally expected amount.

The state's unemployment rate decreased to 4.6 percent in May from 4.7 percent in April. The number unemployed edged down by about 1100 to 119,000. Both the rate and the number unemployed are at their lowest levels since 1979. Joblessness had been dropping sharply since the end of last year. Underlying improvement had combined with expected seasonal drops since February to produce unusually large month-to-month declines. May usually experiences only small improvements in unemployment rates, as part of the summer increase in unemployment may begin in this month. About 41,400 fewer Missourians were jobless this May than last, and the unemployment rate was 1.6 percentage points lower.

Total employment continued to increase in May. About 28,700 more Missourians were estimated to have been working in May than in April. Employment growth over-the-year remains relatively modest (the May estimate is about 23,800 higher than that for May 1987), and estimates of the labor force continue to be below those for the corresponding month of last year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 12,500 jobs between April and May, but manufacturing employment was down by 1600 jobs. Much of the decrease in manufacturing can be traced to the closing of an auto plant in Kansas City, as motor vehicles and equipment employment declined by 2000 jobs. Small declines were noted in several other industries; closing of a bakery contributed to the 500 job decrease in the food industry. Several manufacturing industries experienced small gains, the 400 jobs increase in textile and apparel manufacturing being the largest. Seasonal gains in trade (8200 jobs), construction (3200 jobs) and services (1600 jobs) dominated the nonmanufacturing sector.

Compared to a year ago, total nonfarm payroll employment is up by 31,500 jobs. Manufacturing employment has increased by 2600 jobs, despite the decline of 4400 in motor vehicles and equipment and 1200 in food and kindred products. Most other manufacturing industries experienced growth, the largest example being the 1100-job gain in chemicals. In nonmanufacturing, the largest growth occurred in trade (11,700 jobs) followed by services (9700 jobs), state and local government (5800 jobs), and construction (1600).

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAY 1988 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - APR 1988 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAY 1987 (BENCHMARKED 1988)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	120775	114222	6553	5.4	120264	113905	6359	5.3	119695	112377	7318	6.1
STATEWIDE	2582629	2463641	118988	4.6	2554960	2434909	120051	4.7	2600201	2439848	160353	6.2
ST. LOUIS MSA	1264542	1193008	71534	5.7	1252612	1181215	71397	5.7	1275955	1182627	93328	7.3
KANSAS CITY MSA	835242	799453	35789	4.3	834379	798995	35384	4.2	838154	791346	46808	5.6
SPRINGFIELD MSA	123760	119520	4240	3.4	122739	118369	4370	3.6	121514	116105	5409	4.5
COLUMBIA MSA	65738	64047	1691	2.6	65740	64256	1484	2.3	65649	63428	2221	3.4
JOPLIN MSA	69872	67028	2844	4.1	69125	66133	2992	4.3	69373	65638	3735	5.4
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41715	39593	2122	5.1	41177	39035	2142	5.2	41566	38639	2927	7.0
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13057	12649	408	3.1	13296	12822	474	3.6	13374	12781	593	4.4
ANDREW	6855	6563	292	4.3	6785	6481	304	4.5	7020	6637	383	5.5
ATCHISON	3217	3136	81	2.5	3160	3082	78	2.5	3273	3170	103	3.1
AUDRAIN	10265	9889	376	3.7	10179	9735	444	4.4	10779	9943	836	7.8
BARRY	11929	11449	480	4.0	11729	11209	520	4.4	12074	11414	660	5.5
BARTON	5709	5591	118	2.1	5593	5433	160	2.9	5428	5213	215	4.0
BATES	6359	5890	469	7.4	6178	5758	420	6.8	6579	6084	495	7.5
BENTON	5290	5008	282	5.3	5077	4780	297	5.8	5549	5216	333	6.0
BOLLINGER	3324	3055	269	8.1	3308	3015	293	8.9	3273	3032	241	7.4
BUTLER	16345	15280	1065	6.5	16244	15008	1236	7.6	16735	15300	1435	8.6
CALDWELL	3071	2903	168	5.5	2977	2802	175	5.9	3201	3044	157	4.9
CALLAWAY	14963	14334	629	4.2	14826	14160	666	4.5	13822	12988	834	6.0
CAMDEN	16101	15583	518	3.2	14602	13960	642	4.4	15426	14807	619	4.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU	36282	35022	1260	3.5	36187	34875	1312	3.6	35166	33741	1425	4.1
CARROLL	4756	4389	367	7.7	4745	4336	409	8.6	4814	4510	304	6.3
CARTER	2151	2000	151	7.0	2082	1915	167	8.0	2237	2013	224	10.0
CEDAR	4398	4137	261	5.9	4453	4235	218	4.9	4729	4386	343	7.3
CHARITON	4185	4021	164	3.9	4019	3888	131	3.3	4318	4127	191	4.4
CLARK	3529	3385	144	4.1	3635	3433	202	5.6	3712	3463	249	6.7
CLINTON	6639	6331	308	4.6	6419	6116	303	4.7	6925	6547	378	5.5
COLE/OSAGE LMA	39999	38616	1383	3.5	39531	38113	1418	3.6	39817	38110	1707	4.3
COOPER	6331	6102	229	3.6	6282	5995	287	4.6	6674	6319	355	5.3
CRAWFORD	8998	8515	483	5.4	8698	8193	505	5.8	9025	8429	596	6.6
DADE	2763	2638	125	4.5	2704	2588	116	4.3	2907	2779	128	4.4
DALLAS	3499	3257	242	6.9	3419	3162	257	7.5	3679	3416	263	7.1
DAVIESS	3827	3690	137	3.6	3815	3643	172	4.5	3719	3579	140	3.8
DEKALB	3763	3620	143	3.8	3658	3500	158	4.3	3634	3455	179	4.9
DENT	6624	6264	360	5.4	6502	6141	361	5.6	6318	5848	470	7.4
DOUGLAS	4885	4600	285	5.8	4763	4445	318	6.7	4979	4656	323	6.5
DUNKLIN	12318	11561	757	6.1	11965	11180	785	6.6	13081	11996	1085	8.3
GASCONADE	7390	7101	289	3.9	7295	6973	322	4.4	7248	6901	347	4.8
GENTRY	2682	2570	112	4.2	2610	2501	109	4.2	2949	2727	222	7.5
GRUNDY	5347	5122	225	4.2	5196	4983	213	4.1	5194	4979	215	4.1
HARRISON	4290	4133	157	3.7	4191	4023	168	4.0	4492	4284	208	4.6
HENRY	7422	6925	497	6.7	7302	6841	461	6.3	8050	7356	694	8.6
HICKORY	2795	2659	136	4.9	2758	2602	156	5.7	2662	2515	147	5.5
HOLT	2311	2226	85	3.7	2238	2138	100	4.5	2405	2285	120	5.0
HOWARD	4735	4550	185	3.9	4670	4465	205	4.4	4859	4616	243	5.0
HOWELL	13574	12871	703	5.2	13234	12544	690	5.2	13349	12411	938	7.0
IRON	2360	2082	278	11.8	2329	2049	280	12.0	2716	2294	422	15.5
JOHNSON	19438	18766	672	3.5	19089	18518	571	3.0	18631	17845	786	4.2
KNOX	1892	1809	83	4.4	1777	1696	81	4.6	1948	1892	56	2.9
LACLEDE	13463	12873	590	4.4	13199	12641	558	4.2	12993	12313	680	5.2
LAWRENCE	13083	12557	526	4.0	12843	12283	560	4.4	13159	12293	866	6.6
LEWIS	4756	4530	226	4.8	4672	4408	264	5.7	4976	4643	333	6.7

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LINCOLN	12123	11431	692	5.7	11845	11106	739	6.2	11973	10809	1164	9.7
LINN	6768	6560	208	3.1	6682	6440	242	3.6	6751	6479	272	4.0
LIVINGSTON	6576	6339	237	3.6	6452	6175	277	4.3	6588	6257	331	5.0
MACON	7774	7475	299	3.8	7724	7366	358	4.6	8045	7643	402	5.0
MADISON	4646	4436	210	4.5	4817	4531	286	5.9	4559	4214	345	7.6
MARIES	3509	3323	186	5.3	3511	3276	235	6.7	3832	3545	287	7.5
MARION/RALLS LMA	18152	17384	768	4.2	17464	16668	796	4.6	18172	16921	1251	6.9
MCDONALD	7848	7548	300	3.8	7656	7363	293	3.8	7539	7139	400	5.3
MERCER	1543	1489	54	3.5	1515	1433	82	5.4	1558	1500	58	3.7
MILLER	8617	8100	517	6.0	8393	7796	597	7.1	9207	8493	714	7.8
MISSISSIPPI	6502	6088	414	6.4	6356	5929	427	6.7	6584	6131	453	6.9
MONITEAU	6115	5896	219	3.6	6074	5832	242	4.0	5942	5672	270	4.5
MONROE	4857	4643	214	4.4	4743	4521	222	4.7	4865	4669	196	4.0
MONTGOMERY	5024	4802	222	4.4	4896	4633	263	5.4	5100	4767	333	6.5
MORGAN	7572	7287	285	3.8	7294	6956	338	4.6	7621	7213	408	5.4
NEW MADRID	9066	8552	514	5.7	8997	8427	570	6.3	9545	8838	707	7.4
NODAWAY	10553	10189	364	3.4	10238	10046	192	1.9	10614	10163	451	4.2
OREGON	3931	3696	235	6.0	3832	3579	253	6.6	3763	3507	256	6.8
OZARK	3497	3214	283	8.1	3356	3068	288	8.6	3597	3394	203	5.6
PEMISCOT	8563	8058	505	5.9	8422	7872	550	6.5	8836	8170	666	7.5
PERRY	8176	7671	505	6.2	8079	7538	541	6.7	7965	7634	331	4.2
PETTIS	17299	16471	828	4.8	17052	16190	862	5.1	17609	16627	982	5.6
PHELPS	17094	16382	712	4.2	16865	16203	662	3.9	16857	15975	882	5.2
PIKE	6953	6579	374	5.4	6850	6424	426	6.2	7228	6695	533	7.4
POLK	9593	9221	372	3.9	9303	8962	341	3.7	9394	8902	492	5.2
PULASKI	12927	12303	624	4.8	12822	12197	625	4.9	12275	11670	605	4.9
PUTNAM	2132	2043	89	4.2	2086	1980	106	5.1	2234	2125	109	4.9
RANDOLPH	11517	10985	532	4.6	11570	10966	604	5.2	11694	11108	586	5.0
REYNOLDS	1777	1567	210	11.8	1713	1483	230	13.4	1956	1630	326	16.7
RIPLEY	3980	3723	257	6.5	4036	3739	297	7.4	4061	3641	420	10.3
SALINE	11519	11155	364	3.2	11340	10947	393	3.5	11775	11225	550	4.7
SCOTLAND	2264	2203	61	2.7	2212	2129	83	3.8	2269	2225	44	1.9
SCOTT	17837	16833	1004	5.6	17656	16641	1015	5.7	17777	16576	1201	6.8
SHANNON	2722	2508	214	7.9	2779	2537	242	8.7	3194	2868	326	10.2
SHELBY	3707	3633	74	2.0	3525	3444	81	2.3	3633	3547	91	2.5
ST. CLAIR	3207	3017	190	5.9	3087	2924	163	5.3	3372	3167	205	6.1
ST. FRANCOIS	21242	19849	1393	6.6	20904	19477	1427	6.8	20352	18621	1731	8.5
STE. GENEVIEVE	6868	6543	325	4.7	6753	6368	385	5.7	7262	6642	620	8.5
STODDARD	12067	11346	721	6.0	11813	11033	780	6.6	12378	11438	940	7.6
STONE	9339	8818	521	5.6	8602	7901	701	8.1	9078	8425	653	7.2
SULLIVAN	3451	3339	112	3.2	3355	3253	102	3.0	3386	3280	106	3.1
TANEY	16885	16146	739	4.4	14454	13300	1154	8.0	16699	15872	827	5.0
TEXAS	9205	8634	571	6.2	9067	8490	577	6.4	9230	8613	617	6.7
VERNON	9886	9578	308	3.1	9278	8961	317	3.4	9544	9156	388	4.1
WARREN	10503	9934	569	5.4	10601	10020	581	5.5	10050	9259	791	7.9
WASHINGTON	5968	5176	792	13.3	5949	5157	792	13.3	6160	4959	1201	19.5
WAYNE	4692	4348	344	7.3	4741	4349	392	8.3	4783	4339	444	9.3
WEBSTER	9349	8796	553	5.9	9662	8767	895	9.3	9062	8336	726	8.0
WORTH	1164	1115	49	4.2	1142	1093	49	4.3	1183	1121	62	5.2
WRIGHT	6959	6640	319	4.6	6926	6530	396	5.7	6958	6493	465	6.7

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
May, 1988

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2229.9	2217.4	2198.4									
Total Manufacturing	419.1	420.7	416.5	412.68	410.67	403.92	40.9	40.5	40.8	10.09	10.14	9.90
Durable Goods	235.7	237.9	234.8	456.29	457.13	446.61	41.9	41.9	41.7	10.89	10.91	10.71
Lumber & Wood Products	11.1	11.3	10.8	252.72	246.65	253.34	39.0	38.3	39.4	6.48	6.44	6.43
Furniture & Fixtures	11.5	11.7	11.2	302.25	307.63	340.93	38.7	39.9	44.8	7.81	7.71	7.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.1	11.1	11.0	502.39	490.16	533.14	43.8	43.3	46.4	11.47	11.32	11.49
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	0.9	509.68	554.32	529.96	38.7	41.0	37.8	13.17	13.52	14.02
Structural Clay Prod.	2.0	1.9	1.8	479.95	478.12	461.99	40.4	40.9	36.9	11.88	11.69	12.52
Primary Metal Industries	12.3	12.5	12.4	458.99	460.53	452.64	41.5	40.9	41.0	11.06	11.26	11.04
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.7	1.7	1.4	447.62	458.43	420.61	43.5	44.9	42.4	10.29	10.21	9.92
Nonferrous Foundries	3.5	3.5	3.3	355.81	335.74	336.98	44.2	41.5	41.5	8.05	8.09	8.12
Fabricated Metal Products	28.0	28.0	27.5	419.84	417.79	429.32	41.0	40.8	41.4	10.24	10.24	10.37
Structural Metal Prod.	10.9	10.9	10.7	414.50	414.54	403.56	41.7	42.0	40.6	9.94	9.87	9.94
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.5	30.4	29.8	447.89	442.80	405.21	43.4	43.2	40.4	10.32	10.25	10.03
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.4	46.2	46.0	409.12	410.27	384.35	41.2	41.4	40.5	9.93	9.91	9.49
Transportation Equipment	65.9	67.8	68.0	637.00	637.58	613.99	43.6	43.7	43.3	14.61	14.59	14.18
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	25.6	27.6	30.0	691.60	691.60	647.83	45.5	45.5	44.1	15.20	15.20	14.69
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.7	11.7	11.3	325.62	324.41	300.65	40.5	40.4	39.3	8.04	8.03	7.65
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.2	7.2	6.8	283.08	282.73	258.45	42.0	41.7	39.1	6.74	6.78	6.61
Nondurable Goods	183.4	182.8	181.7	356.69	351.01	349.76	39.5	38.7	39.7	9.03	9.07	8.81
Food & Kindred Products	44.1	44.6	45.3	422.42	418.08	431.21	40.5	40.2	42.4	10.43	10.40	10.17
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.3	13.4	13.1	301.79	305.25	309.10	40.4	40.7	42.4	7.47	7.50	7.29
Dairy Products	5.5	5.4	5.8	438.20	442.09	453.49	39.3	39.9	44.2	11.15	11.08	10.26
Grain Mill Products	7.6	7.7	7.2	478.19	430.76	423.55	44.9	41.3	40.3	10.65	10.43	10.51
Bakery Products	4.3	4.6	5.1	388.21	396.12	416.46	35.1	34.9	39.4	11.06	11.35	10.57
Beverages	9.4	9.4	9.7	726.98	738.48	771.83	39.9	40.8	44.9	18.22	18.10	17.19

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Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.0	4.1	4.4	357.77	372.10	386.81	37.7	38.4	42.6	9.49	9.69	9.08
Textile & Apparel	24.6	24.2	24.1	208.58	211.91	201.64	35.9	36.1	35.5	5.81	5.87	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	13.3	13.3	13.5	403.74	397.31	400.34	42.1	41.3	41.4	9.59	9.62	9.67
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.4	6.3	6.5	406.17	409.39	409.58	42.8	42.6	42.4	9.49	9.61	9.66
Printing & Publishing	41.7	41.6	41.2	385.19	380.02	372.24	38.1	37.7	37.6	10.11	10.08	9.90
Commercial Printing	14.3	14.1	14.1	464.39	454.58	429.94	41.5	40.3	39.3	11.19	11.28	10.94
Chemicals & Allied	28.9	28.7	27.8	491.63	482.79	476.30	42.2	41.8	42.3	11.65	11.55	11.26
Leather & Leather Products	16.3	16.2	16.2	220.00	193.97	216.55	37.8	33.1	38.6	5.82	5.86	5.61
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.6	12.5	12.8	207.90	178.75	205.06	37.8	32.5	38.4	5.50	5.50	5.34
Total Nonmanufacturing	1810.8	1796.7	1781.9									
Mining	5.6	5.5	5.7									
Construction	101.1	97.9	99.5									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.5	143.3	143.4									
Railroad Transportation	9.7	9.7	9.9									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	78.8	77.7	78.1									
Communications	56.0	55.9	55.4									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	551.5	543.3	539.8									
Wholesale Trade	138.4	137.3	135.9									
Retail Trade	413.1	406.0	403.9									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	135.9	135.5	135.1									
Services	516.3	514.7	506.6									
Government	355.9	356.5	351.8									
Federal Government	70.9	71.1	72.6									
State & Local Government	0	0	0									

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The factor workweek increased to 40.9 hours inMay, the highest figure since January. Average hourly earnings decreased by 5 cents to $10.09, but the increase in hours was sufficient to cause a $2.01 increase in average weekly earnings in $412.68. This figure is 2.2 percent higher than year-ago earnings.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The nation's output of goods and services grew slightly less rapidly in the first quarter than originally estimated. The revised estimate of 3.6 percent growth (at an annual rate) still represents a substantial increase, and the Administration has raised its forecast of economic growth for 1988 from 2.4 to 3 percent.

The national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged back up to 5.6 percent in May, the same as in March. The April rate had been 5.4 percent. Total civilian employment fell by more than 500,000 in May after increasing more than 600,000 in April. Seasonally adjusted data frequently behave unpredictably in the late spring and summer months, largely because of variations in timing of entry into the labor force following the end of the school year.

Payroll employment grew by more tha 210,000 in May, somewhat less than the seasonally-adjusted increases of recent months. There was little increase in the goods-producing sector following three months of gains. Over the past year, payroll employment has grown by nearly 3.7 million jobs, about 500,000 of which were in manufacturing.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators declined by 0.1 percent in May, the first decrease since January. Lower stock prices were the largest contributor to the decline, but a number of other components, including new claims for unemployment insurance, also deteriorated in the month. The May decrease may not be of much significance, since it is very small and substantial revisions are common. The change between the March and April indexes, for example, was revised upward from 0.2 to 0.5 percent.

Both employment and unemployment usually increase in June. The tourism- and recreatio-related industries usually experience employment gains, while summer jobseekers who don't immediately find work increase the jobless estimate. Overall economic growth seems to be continuing, so the employment picture should be at least as good as it has been in recent months. Whether unemployment can continue to show underlying drops of the type experienced earlier in the year remains to be seen, however.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments
Missouri — May, 1988

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,582,600	2,555,000	2,600,200	27,600	-17,600
Total Employment	2,463,600	2,434,900	2,439,800	28,700	23,800
Total Unemployment	119,000	120,100	160,400	-1,100	-41,400
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	4.6	4.7	6.2	-0.1	-1.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,229,900	2,217,400	2,198,400	12,500	31,500
Manufacturing	419,100	420,700	416,500	-1,600	2,600
Durable Goods	235,700	237,900	234,800	-2,200	900
Nondurable Goods	183,400	182,800	181,700	600	1,700
Nonmanufacturing	1,810,800	1,796,700	1,781,900	14,100	28,900
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	5,320	6,188	6,466	-868	-1,146
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	35,206	41,392	39,507	-6,186	-4,301
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.9	2.0	2.6	-0.1	-0.7
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	2,819	3,236	3,239	-417	-420
Amount of Benefits Paid	$16,308,387	$18,131,849	$16,957,542	-$1,823,462	-$649,155
State U.I.	15,960,943	17,805,142	16,675,362	-1,844,199	-714,419
UCFE	171,004	174,629	124,764	-3,625	46,240
UCX	176,440	152,078	157,416	24,362	19,024

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

May, 1988

Franciena King, Analyst

After steadily drifting dowmward since January, the Kansas City Metropolitan Area's unemployment rose by a tenth of a percentage point to 4.3 percent of the civilian labor force in May 1988. The rate rose only slightly from the April 1988 rate of 4.2 percent but was significantly down from the year ago rate of 5.6 percent. The number of jobless workers increased by 400 persons to 35,800 as a result of a substantial number of layoffs in the Motor Vehicles industry, as one area automobile assembly closed, and in the Primary Metals industry as another employer closed. Despite these losses in the Manufacturing sector, civilian employment and nonagricultural payroll employment showed moderate increases over-the-month. Despite these relatively moderate overall changes in labor force conditions over-the-month, comparisons with conditions from a year ago show much more substantial changes. Fairly strong growth in the Services, Retail Trade sector, as well as in Federal Government boosted total employment by 8,100 over-the-year and contributed to the unemployment rate falling by more than a full percentage point below the May 1987 level. A second factor contributing to the steep decline in both the rate and number of unemployed over the 12-month period was the loss of about 3,000 workers who withdrew from the labor force over-the-year.

Nonagricultural wage and salaried employment was 739,200 in May 1988, up by a moderate 500 jobs from the April 1988 total of 738,700 jobs. The relatively moderate overall changes in total nonagricultural employment obscures the quite substantial changes over-the-month in individual industries. After fairly large and stable average employment of 111,400 in the Manufacturing sector in the Area over the first three months of the year, the number of jobs dropped sharply to 109,000. More than 78 percent of these 2,300 jobs lost resulted from the closing of one of the Area's major automobile assembly plants. More than 1,800 jobs were lost as a result of this closing. A smaller loss of 200 jobs resulted from the closing of an Area employer in the Primary Metals industry. Smaller losses were also posted in Paper and Allied, Fabricated Metals and Stone, Clay and Glass. Among the remaining Manufacturing industries, there was little change.

Almost all of the increase in Area payroll employment took place in the Nonmanufacturing sector. The Retail Trade industry led over-the-month increases with an employment gain of 2,200 jobs. More than half, or about 1,400, of these jobs were created in eating and drinking establishments. The remaining jobs were gained in drug stores and department stores. The Services industry also posted large gains, with 700 new jobs widely scattered among employers within the industry. Smaller increases in the number of payroll jobs were recorded in Construction, Transportation, Communications and Utilities, Wholesale Trade and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. All together these industries accounted for more than 900 additional jobs gained over-the-month. The only losses registered over the period, occurred in the Government sector. Layoffs in local area schools accounted for State and Local Government employment declining by 600 jobs. Scattered losses, including a small number in public finance, accounted for 400 fewer jobs recorded in Federal Government. Over-all the Nonmanufacturing sector gained by 2,800 jobs over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment was 739,200 in May 1988, up by 5,100 from the May 1987 total of 734,100. Durable Goods Manufacturing was 56,200 down by 1,400 from the year earlier level and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing wa 52,800, up by 300 from the figures of 12-months ago. Overall the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries suffered the most widespread losses over the period. With the exception of the Transportation Equipment industry, which fell to levels of 12 months earlier, after having shown substantial improvement during the first four months of the year, all other industries within the sector recorded losses. The largest number of losses were registered in the Primary Metals industry which lost 700 jobs, compared to May 1987 employment totals, primarily as a result of the series of recent layoffs suffered by the industry. The Electronics Equipment industry lost 400 jobs, while Fabricated Metals lost 300 and Stone, Clay and Glass lost 200 compared to totals of a year earlier. Smaller losses were also registered in Lumber and Furniture and Machinery. Most industries within Nondurable Goods industry were unchanged from the year ago totals. The Chemicals industry gained 400 jobs over the period primarily as a result of jobs gained in the pharmaceuticals industry. The Food and Kindred Products industry, virtually unchanged over the last seven months, was down by 200 from May 1987 levels.

Conditions within the Nonmanufacturing sector in May 1987 were mixed compared to May 1987 employment. The Services industry which has successfully posted sizable monthly gains over-the-year, registered 4,400 more jobs in May 1988 compared to May 1987. These gains have been concentrated primarily in the business service which gained 1,900 new jobs, health services which added 1,000 new jobs and agriculture which added 500 new jobs. Large gains were also recorded in Retail Trade. More than 60 percent of these 1,800 new jobs were in drug stores and food stores. The Federal Government sector also recorded large increases over year ago totals with 1,100 more jobs in the sector.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1988)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** May, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	739,200	738,700	734,100	+500	+5,100
Total Manufacturing	109,000	111,300	110,100	-2,300	-1,100
Durable Goods	56,200	58,400	57,600	-2,200	-1,400
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,100	3,200	3,300	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	2,600	2,800	3,300	-200	-700
Fabricated Metal Products	8,300	8,400	8,600	-100	-300
Machinery Except Electrical	7,900	7,900	8,000	0	-100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,400	17,400	17,800	0	-400
Transportation Equipment	9,700	11,400	9,600	-1,700	+100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(9,300)	(11,100)	(9,300)	(-1,800)	(0)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	52,800	52,900	52,500	-100	+300
Food & Kindred Products	8,500	8,500	8,700	0	-200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,800	2,700	2,800	+100	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,600	5,800	5,600	-200	0
Printing & Publishing	20,800	20,800	20,800	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,000	9,900	9,600	-100	-400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	630,200	627,400	624,000	+2,800	+6,200
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	36,300	36,000	37,200	+300	-900
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	56,000	55,700	56,600	+300	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	192,400	190,000	190,900	+2,400	+1,500
Wholesale Trade	(58,300)	(58,100)	(58,600)	(+200)	(-300)
Retail Trade	(134,100)	(131,900)	(132,300)	(+2,200)	(+1,800)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,300	58,200	58,200	+100	+100
Services	173,300	172,600	168,900	+700	+4,400
Government	113,400	114,400	111,700	-1,000	+1,700
Federal Government	(31,500)	(31,900)	(30,400)	(-400)	(+1,100)
State & Local Government	(81,900)	(82,500)	(81,300)	(-600)	(+600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Smaller gains of 600 jobs were also recorded in State and Local Government. Dampening these substantial gains were large losses in Construction and Transportation, Communications and Utilities. More than 60 percent of the 900 jobs which were lost over the period in the Construction industry were concentrated in nonbuilding construction. The trucking industry accounted for most of the 600 jobs lost in Transportation, Communications and Utilities industry. Overall the Nonmanufacturing sector gained 6,200 jobs over the period.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 35,800 in May 1988 for 4.3 percent of the labor force, compared to 35,400 in April 1988 for 4.2 percent of the labor force and 46,800 in May 1987 for 5.6 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Kansas City Metropolitan Area is expected to see substantial expansion of the labor force in June 1988 as summer job seekers enter the labor force. The unemployment rate is expected to edge up slightly as a result of this expansion. Civilian employment and nonagricultural wage and salary jobs will expand as nonpayroll and seasonal summer jobs are filled. The number of jobs in State and Local government will decline but not as steeply as usual because of one large Area school system extending their school program into the summer months. Unemployment is expected to be 4.5 percent of the labor force in June 1988, compared to 4.3 percent in May 1988 and 5.8 percent in June 1987.

The Area will experience another small temporary increase in the unemployment rate in July 1988 as many of the unsuccessful job seekers put additional pressure on the available pool of summer jobs. Many of these job seekers will drop out of the labor force. Nonagricultural and civilian employment will continue to expand boosted by growth of jobs in the seasonal component of the Nonmanufacturing sector. Unemployment is expected to be 4.6 percent of the labor force in July 1988, compared to 6.0 percent in July 1987.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: May, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$478.40	$473.28	$444.80	41.6	40.8	40.4	$11.50	$11.60	$11.01
Durable Goods	533.20	521.66	464.07	43.0	41.8	39.8	12.40	12.48	11.66
Lumber & Furniture	287.87	317.60	316.80	34.6	37.9	40.0	8.32	8.38	7.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	505.01	506.73	527.06	39.3	39.9	36.5	12.85	12.70	14.44
Primary Metal Industries	491.76	425.10	429.45	38.6	32.6	35.0	12.74	13.04	12.27
Fabricated Metal Products	405.01	404.59	392.83	40.1	39.9	39.6	10.10	10.14	9.92
Machinery Exc. Electrical	432.82	444.43	432.86	42.6	43.7	43.2	10.16	10.17	10.02
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	530.37	533.37	450.40	41.5	41.8	40.0	12.78	12.76	11.26
Transportation Equipment	842.79	749.39	641.55	41.8	45.5	40.4	16.27	16.47	15.88
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(862.95)	(762.73)	(656.10)	(52.3)	(45.7)	(40.5)	(16.50)	(16.69)	(16.20)
Nondurable Goods	413.36	413.42	418.81	39.9	39.6	41.1	10.36	10.44	10.19
Food & Kindred Products	447.17	436.05	437.15	41.1	40.3	42.9	10.88	10.82	10.19
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	224.26	209.23	195.70	38.4	34.3	33.8	5.84	6.10	5.79
Paper & Allied Products	418.74	407.63	410.04	41.5	40.2	40.2	10.09	10.14	10.20
Printing & Publishing	402.21	414.49	441.57	38.6	39.4	41.0	10.42	10.52	10.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	549.84	543.91	540.33	39.5	39.3	43.4	13.92	13.84	12.45
Petroleum & Coal Products	420.12	434.77	438.01	39.3	40.9	40.9	10.69	10.63	11.26

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

May, 1988

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate remained at 5.7% from April to May. The number of unemployed rose by only 100 but total employment rose 11,800. Strong seasonal gains were reported in construction, transportation and retail trade. Manufacturing employment rose 500 despite the loss of 300 bakery jobs due to a plant closure. Summer job opportunities appear to be plentiful this year with some local employers reporting unfilled job openings and somewhat higher wage levels than past years. Over the year, unemployment declined 21,400 and total employment rose 10,400. The unemployment rate in May 1987 was 7.3%. Manufacturing continues to be responsible for much of the 12 month improvement. Manufacturing employment is up 3800 since May 1987 despite the substantial job loss in motor vehicles and food products. There were 900 labor disputants in May and less than 50 in April, 1988 and May, 1987.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 500 during the month. The closing of a major bakery caused the loss of 300 jobs in that industry. This loss cuppled with a seasonal increase of 200 jobs in beverages caused the food industry decline of 100. Small gains continued to be reported in primary metals, fabricated metals, nonelectrical machinery and electronic equipment. Most nondurable industries reported little or no movement. Over the year, manufacturing employment is up 3,800. Aircraft continued to lead all manufacturing industries, up 2,400 since May, 1987. Motor vehicles, down 1,300, would have reported an even steeper decline if not for a temporary layoff affecting this industry 12 months ago.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 13,700 over the month. Construction employment rose 2,500 despite a labor dispute affecting 800 roofers. Seasonal transportation gains were reported in trucking and airlines. The seasonal increase in retail trade was concentrated in restaurants and bars. Service gains occurred in hotels and amusement while seasonal declines were reported in private colleges and universities. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 13,700. Only three industries reported declines. The drop in railroads is the continuation of a long term trend. Finance jobs declined somewhat as the volume of mortgage refinancing has dropped from the previous two years. Federal job losses were concentrated in the budget tight defense agencies. Services continued as the area's largest job generator. A total of 9,000 jobs were added in this industry over the past year.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in June, 1988 is expected to be 5.9%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Mining	46	37	20	19
Construction	5531	3991	2476	1933
Manufacturing	6019	4843	4260	4645
Public Utilities	646	560	468	433
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2624	2535	2245	2101
Finance	553	587	543	508
Services	5025	5158	4740	4787
All Other	401	318	203	191
TOTAL	20845	18029	14955	14617

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1145	1206	1107	1113
Clerical	1553	1633	1537	1444
Sales	404	392	308	317
Farm, Fish & Forest	180	139	67	53
Processing	186	160	148	131
Machine Trades	903	872	694	664
Bench Work	725	689	595	643
Structural Work	1614	2475	1819	1590
Misc. Work	1614	1447	1140	989
Service	1399	1402	1146	1145
INA	9779	7614	6394	6528
TOTAL	20845	18029	14955	14617

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1988 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.2	1.7
Clerical	18.5	13.3
Sales	17.1	21.7
Processing	2.3	3.1
Machine Trades	5.1	5.1
Bench Work	5.7	7.3
Structural Work	7.4	7.8
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.1	3.7
Packaging & Material Handling	8.7	11.7
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	22.0	20.2
Other Occupations	3.2	4.1

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current: May, 1988**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,142,400	1,134,900	1,124,900	+7,500	+17,500
Percent Change				+(0.7)	+(1.6)
Manufacturing	219,500	219,000	215,700	+500	+3,800
Durable Goods	138,200	137,600	133,800	+600	+4,400
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	+100
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	14,300	14,200	13,800	+100	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	16,900	16,800	16,100	+100	+800
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,200	18,100	17,300	+100	+900
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,600	14,500	14,100	+100	+500
Transportation Equipment	53,500	53,300	52,400	+200	+1,100
Motor Vehicles	16,100	16,000	17,400	+100	-1,300
Aircraft & Parts	31,500	31,400	29,100	+100	+2,400
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,500	12,500	12,000	0	+500
Nondurable Goods	81,300	81,400	81,900	-100	-600
Food & Kindred Products	21,400	21,500	22,000	-100	-600
Meat Products	800	800	700	0	+100
Beverages	8,700	8,500	8,800	+200	-100
Textiles & Apparel	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	16,800	16,800	16,800	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	18,200	18,300	18,200	-100	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,500	+100	+300
Nonmanufacturing	922,900	915,900	909,200	+7,000	+13,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Construction	57,500	55,000	56,600	+2,500	+900
Transportation & Public Utilities	74,800	74,200	72,900	+600	+1,900
Railroads	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,300	40,800	39,400	+500	+1,900
Communications & Public Utilities	28,500	28,400	28,400	+100	+100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	277,700	275,300	276,300	+2,400	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	68,700	68,500	68,400	+200	+300
Retail Trade	209,000	206,800	207,900	+2,200	+1,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	73,900	73,600	74,300	+300	-400
Service, Except Domestic	292,100	291,400	283,100	+700	+9,000
Total Government	143,400	142,900	142,500	+500	+900
Total Federal Government	36,700	36,500	37,600	+200	-900
Total State & Local Government	106,700	106,400	104,900	+300	+1,800
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	900	0	0	+900	+900

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data:** May, 1988

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$485.75	$481.97	$475.69	41.2	41.3	41.4	$11.79	$11.67	$11.49
Durable Goods	509.96	505.31	501.41	41.8	41.9	42.1	12.20	12.06	11.91
Lumber & Furniture	394.25	366.92	342.22	42.9	40.1	39.2	9.19	9.15	8.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	496.47	493.99	481.31	40.2	41.2	41.6	12.35	11.99	11.57
Primary Metal Industries	471.71	472.88	476.44	40.7	41.7	42.2	11.59	11.34	11.29
Fabricated Metal Products	455.94	463.94	472.01	41.6	42.1	42.6	10.96	11.02	11.08
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	518.78	506.71	459.68	44.8	44.1	40.5	11.58	11.49	11.35
Elect & Electronic Equip.	401.76	406.72	378.30	40.5	41.0	38.8	9.92	9.92	9.75
Transportation Equipment	643.06	636.16	644.67	42.7	43.1	44.8	15.06	14.76	14.39
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	325.37	314.84	315.70	37.1	35.9	38.5	8.77	8.77	8.20
Nondurable Goods	441.10	437.49	427.60	40.1	40.1	40.0	11.00	10.91	10.69
Food & Kindred Products	497.15	502.23	504.90	39.9	41.2	41.9	12.46	12.19	12.05
Textiles & Apparel	220.21	225.98	221.10	34.3	35.2	33.5	6.42	6.42	6.60
Paper & Paper Products	464.26	457.25	465.87	44.3	43.3	44.2	10.48	10.56	10.54
Printing & Publishing	398.71	399.67	372.67	37.9	38.1	36.5	10.52	10.49	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	573.03	559.73	548.75	42.7	42.5	43.9	13.42	13.17	12.50
Petroleum & Coal Products	700.20	698.64	586.27	45.0	44.9	39.4	15.56	15.56	14.88
Leather & Leather Products	256.16	221.96	282.95	39.9	35.4	43.8	6.42	6.27	6.46
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

May, 1988

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield Missouri MSA labor force, estimated at 123,700 for May shows an expansion of 900 from April. This change is the net result of an increase of 1,100 in employment and a decreae of 200 in unemployment. Compared to May 1987, the current labor force is approximately 2,200 larger. The number of unemployed persons fell from 4,400 in April to 4,200 in May. The rate of unemployment dropped from 3.6 to 3.4 during the 30 day period. The May 1987 rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.5 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Total payrolled employment rose 900 from the April level to reach 112,400 in May. This change is the result of increases in manufacturing and nonmanufacturing jobs of 100 and 800 respectively. Seasonal influences in construction and trade fostered the employment gain in the nonmanufacturing sector.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose four cents from April to $8.53 in May. Average wages paid durable goods manufacturing workers remained stable during the 30 day period while nondurable manufacturing workers averaged twelve cents an hour more in May than during the previous month. The average factory work week, estimated at 39.1 hours, is down three-tenths of an hour from April.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Nonagricultural wage and salaried employment is expected to show a slight decrease during June. This will be in response to and a reflection of reduced jobs at state and local schools at the end of the term.

The rate of unemployment is likely to hover near the current level during the next 30 days.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: May, 1988**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	112,400	111,500	107,300	+900	+5,100
Manufacturing	21,200	21,100	19,700	+100	+1,500
Durable Goods	11,900	11,800	10,700	+100	+1,200
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,100	8,100	7,900	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,000	0	+300
Food Processing	3,800	3,700	3,900	+100	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,900	3,300	-100	+500
Nonmanufacturing	91,200	90,400	87,600	+800	+3,600
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	5,400	5,200	4,900	+200	+500
Transportation & Utilities	7,200	7,200	6,800	0	+300
Trade	31,300	30,900	30,500	+400	+800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Services	28,400	28,200	26,800	+200	+1,600
Government	14,100	14,100	13,700	0	+400
Federal	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State and Local	12,300	12,300	11,900	0	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	440	0	+440

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data:** May, 1988

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$333.52	$337.90	$341.99	39.1	39.8	39.4	$8.53	$8.49	$8.68
Durable Goods	328.28	330.77	339.83	39.6	39.9	39.7	8.29	8.29	8.56
Nondurable Goods	343.42	347.60	343.77	38.5	39.5	38.8	8.92	8.80	8.86
Food & Kindred Products	356.20	357.24	348.38	39.1	39.3	37.5	9.11	9.09	9.29
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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